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Venice, April 22. *N. S.*

OUR Letters from Rome bring Advice, That the German Troops have made a Demand of an Hundred and Fifty Roman Crowns from the Eccleſiaſtical State. The Cardinal Albani is much indiſpos'd, and his Phyſicians think, by the Swelling of his Legs, that he is likely to fall into a Dropſie. By the Death of the Cardinal Joſeph Archinto, Archbiſhop of Milan, there are now Seventeen Hats in the College of Cardinals become vacant. The Convoy and Tranſports deſign'd for the Levant by this Republick, are ſtill in the Lido, being detain'd there by contrary Winds.

Florence, April 26. *N. S.* They write from the German Camp before Monte Philippo, that upon advice from the Vice-Roy of Naples, that they ſhould have ſpeedy Supplies of Artillery and Succours from thence, they were reſolv'd to carry on their Works with greater Vigour, and accordingly raiſ'd a Battery againſt Fort Stella, and beginning to Fire upon it, after ſome Hours, ſaw the Enemy retiring from thence into Porto Ercole; but having been inform'd that the Spaniards had ſeveral Mines, which they deſign'd to Spring, upon their quitting it, ſent only Two Miners, a Corporal, and Seven Men to take Poſſeſſion of it. They found Matches lighted in the Mines, but prevented their taking Effect. The Enemy had left behind them ſome Ammunition and Proviſions and Three Pieces of Cannon, which they had nail'd before their departure. The Germans afterwards took Two Eminences which command the Paſs between Monte Philippo and Porto Ercole, by which means their Communication by Land is intirely cut off; and the Fort St. Catherine being likewiſe fallen into their Hands, there is no Paſſage now for the Spaniards, but with the utmoſt difficulty and danger. The Governour of Porto Longone has very much weakned his own Garriſon by ſending two hundred Men and ſome Ingineers to the relief of Porto Ercole in its preſent Circumſtances.

Tournay, May 8. *N. S.* Several Veſſels laden with Forage, arrive here daily, which are ſent forward for Marchiennes, under the Guard of ſome Troops of our Garriſon. The Reinforcements for the Army are on their March; a Detachment of the Britiſh Troops, with a great many Recruits, are already paſs'd through this Town; the Regiments of Prince George of Heſſe, Exter and Denhoff, with two Squadrons, and the Regiments of Metzal, march'd Yeſterday. The Pruſſian Infantry are come near this Place, and to Morrow we expect Three or Four thouſand Men of the Imperial Troops in this Neighbourhood, the reſt proceed in ſeparate Bodies for the conveniency of the Countries thorough which they paſs, and deſign, within Eight Days, to make their general Rendezvous near Douay.

On the Sixth Inſtant, his Grace the Duke of Ormond, Captain General of the Britiſh Forces, arrived here about Eleven a Clock at Night, being attended by Captain Croon with Threeſcore Horſe Dragoons, ſent by the Governour to meet him at Pont de Pierre; he was ſaluted with the diſcharge of the Artillery, and went directly to the Governour's Houſe, where he was receiv'd by Prince Eugene and the Heers Vegelin Van Claerbergen and Van Burg, and they were all treated by the Earl of Albemarle; after which his Grace took up his Apartment in the Abby of St. Martin. General Lumley came hither the next Day from Beſieux, to Compliment the Duke of Ormond, who the ſame Day had a long Conference with Prince Eugene, the Heer Vegelin Van Claerbergen, the Earl of Albemarle, and other Generals, concerning Meaſures to be taken for the enſuing Campaign. In the mean time we have no certainty when the Two firſt Generals intend to ſet out from hence to the Army.

Bruſſels, May 12. *N. S.* The Baron Heems, with Monſieur Vanderberge, will ſet forward in a Day or two for Holland, having entirely regulated all Matters relating to the Bread and Forage which theſe Provinces are to furniſh for the Imperial Forces during the enſuing Campaign. Laſt Night arriv'd here ſixteen Squadrons of Imperial Troops, with ten Battalions of Foot; they were this Morning follow'd by Count Felz, and after having repos'd themſelves for a Day or two, the whole Body will proceed to the Camp. All the Troops of the Confederates not being yet join'd, the Army continues ſtill in its former Situation.

Utrecht, May 10. *N. S.* No General Conference was held here on Saturday the Seventh Inſtant, becauſe the Miniſters of France have not as yet given notice, that they are ready to anſwer the Specifick Demands of the Allies. Yeſterday the Miniſters of the Allies met as uſual at the Townhouſe, where the Baron Schonborn and Monſieur Fiſcher, two Plenipotentiaries from the Circle of Franconia, being preſent, produc'd their full Powers, and were admitted into the Conference. On Sunday laſt in the Evening Count Denhoff and Monſieur Marſhal de Bieberſteyn, went from hence to the Hague, and the Counts Sinzendorff, Consbruck and Tarouca, deſign to go thither to Morrow. Some Days ago Monſieur Goſlinga, Monſieur Randwyck, Monſieur Kniphuyſen, and Monſieur Buys, four of the Plenipotentiaries of the States-General, ſet out from hence for the Hague, and are not expected back till the end of this Week; we hear the latter, who was appointed Plenipotentiary by the Province of Holland, is gone to Amſterdam, in order to inform himſelf fully of the Sentiments of that Town, in the preſent Conjuncture of Affairs. The Lord Privy-Seal, who has been indiſpos'd, is at preſent pretty well recover'd, ſo that it is hop'd he will be able to aſſiſt at the Publick Conferences.

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